

**KINGSTON BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was called to order at 3:14 p.m. on May 21, 2014 in the Department's offices at Jansen Avenue. Present were President Joseph DeCicco, Commissioners Ray McSpirit, Al Radel, Bob Niedzielski and Dennis Croswell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Hansen, Assistant Secretary Allan Alberts, and Attorney William Cloonan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Radel. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bills in the amount of \$31,595.52 dated 4/16/14; \$87,024.20 dated 4/23/14; \$31,717.83 dated 4/30/14; \$35,222.19 dated 5/7; \$30,051.62 dated 5/14; and \$221,405.76 dated 5/21/14 were ordered paid as audited on a motion by Commissioner McSpirit and seconded by Commissioner Radel. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the CSX Crossing Main Replacement Project. It was reported that the bids were opened on May 20. On a motion by Commissioner McSpirit and seconded by Commissioner Radel the job of main replacement for the Gage Street Crossing and Flatbush Avenue Crossing was awarded to the apparent low bidder, Merritt Construction Incorporated, in the bid amount of \$289,488.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the Cooper Lake Dam Project. It was reported that Schnabel was preparing the scope for Task 1 which will be presented at the June meeting.

The Board discussed the Phase 1B Filter Renovation Project. The Board was informed that the request for bonding authorization was presented to the Council Finance Committee by Al Alberts on May 14. The Finance Committee approved its recommendation which will be voted on at the June Common Council Meeting.

The Board discussed the Filter Plant Lagoons. It was reported that one of the lagoons was emptied in order to remain in compliance.

The Board was informed that the Florence Street Tank Painting project began on May 15 with mobilization by the contractor. The project is expected to take approximately 2 to 3 weeks depending on the weather.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Croswell at 3:53 pm. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Niedzielski and seconded by Commissioner Radel at 5:19 pm. Motions carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner McSpirit to set the salary of Lab Technician at \$49,000 per year due to reduced qualifications for the title. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner McSpirit to provisionally appoint Andrew Schmidt to Lab Technician effective 5/24/14. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to create the title of Senior WTP Operator/Lab Technical Director at the salary of \$50,500 per year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to create the title of Accountant at the salary of \$42,000 per year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski to add a second Chief WTP Operator to the Department Organization at a salary equal to the salary of the current Chief WTP Operator. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was reported to the Board that Barry Korol had elected by signed agreement to take the option of Retirement Sick Payout at 85% of his accrued sick time as of retirement date to be deposited into a KWD bank account and used solely for the payment of his hospitalization premiums until such amount is exhausted.

The April Superintendent's Report was read and ordered filed on a motion by Commissioner Croswell and seconded by Commissioner Niedzielski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Radel and seconded by Commissioner McSpirit at 5:34 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assistant Secretary